



# Emergency Medical Services Agency Prehospital Care Manual **Policy 207**

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## **MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE NURSE ACCREDITATION**

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### **Resources**

[EMS Personnel Application](#)

### **I. Purpose**

To provide California licensed Registered Nurses (RN's) authorization to practice as a Mobile Intensive Care Nurse within Santa Clara County.

### **II. Eligibility**

- A. Current licensure in the State of California as a Registered Nurse.
- B. Affiliation with an approved Santa Clara County Base Hospital.
- C. Minimum of one (1) year emergency department experience.
- D. Certificate of successful completion of an Agency approved Mobile Intensive Care Nurse training program. A certificate of completion of training is valid for no more than two (2) years.
- E. Proof of successful completion of the Santa Clara County Paramedic Accreditation Examination.
- F. Pass, by pre-established standards, a supervised pre-accreditation base hospital contact evaluation consisting of at least six (6) ALS patient contacts on the radio or telephone with field paramedics.

### **III. Application Process**

- A. Upon receipt of a completed application, the Agency will inform the Base Hospital Coordinator of the status of an applicant.
- B. Mobile Intensive Care Nurse may apply for accreditation no more than three (3) times within any twelve- (12) month period.

#### **IV. Accreditation**

- A. Once issued, accreditation is continuous contingent upon the Mobile Intensive Care Nurse submitting evidence to the Agency every two years demonstrating:
1. Proof of continuing California Registered Nurse licensure
  2. Proof of affiliation with an approved Base Hospital
  3. Proof that the Mobile Intensive Care Nurse has obtained and maintained certificates of successful completion in all of the following:
    - a) ACLS, or equivalent
    - b) PALS, APLS, or equivalent
    - c) TNCC, or equivalent
  4. Proof of eight (8) hours of continuing education directly related to EMS/pre-hospital care (the Base Hospital Coordinator will offer an annual EMS Update that may be used to meet some of these hours).
  5. Proof of successful completion of any other Agency required education or training
  6. Proof demonstrating the completion of at least one ride-along (8 hours minimum) with an ALS field unit in Santa Clara County.

Maintaining accreditation is the responsibility of the Mobile Intensive Care Nurse. Though employers may assist with the maintenance process, knowing and ensuring that the accreditation requirements are met remains the responsibility of the individual Mobile Intensive Care Nurse. The Agency must receive the required information shown above in Section B at least thirty (30) days prior to the accreditation expiration date.

#### **V. Lapse**

- A. Local accreditation to practice will lapse if:
1. A Mobile Intensive Care Nurse fails to submit evidence of meeting the accreditation requirements prior to end of the two (2) year period.

2. Once a lapse has occurred, all required items in Section IV must be provided in addition to any additional training required by the Base Hospital Coordinator and/or the Agency.

## **VI. Negative Action**

The EMS Medical Director may, for good cause, deny, suspend, revoke, or place on probation any local accreditation issued pursuant to this policy. The procedure for any negative actions will be the same used for EMT-I and EMT-II certificate actions as defined in Agency Policy.

Any action taken against accreditation is independent of any notification made to the Board of Registered Nursing for investigation and/or licensure action. However, the Base Hospital Coordinator will immediately be notified of all inquiries, complaints, and/or investigations.